# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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National Nutrition Mission
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
(a) the objectives of National Nutrition Mission implemented by the Government indicating the target fixed/achieved thereof along with the budgetary allocation made and funds utilised thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether the Government has made or proposes to make changes in the said Mission to make it more effective and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether irregularities have been reported in the functioning of the Mission during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon;
(d) whether the Government proposes to broaden the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme with the said Mission and if so, the details thereof indicating the percentage of children covered under ICDS scheme; and
(e) whether the funds provided under ICDS scheme are sufficient to implement it considering the revised norms by the Ministry of Finance and if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER 0f WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a ) Under the National Nutrition Mission, there are two components, namely
â€¢ Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign against malnutrition: In order to create awareness about nutrition challenges and promote home level feeding practices, a nationwide Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign was launched during the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.
â€¢ Multi-sectoral Nutrition programme to address Maternal and Child Under-Nutrition in 200 high-burden districts, which aims at prevention and reduction in child under-nutrition (underweight prevalence in children under 3 years of age) and reduction in levels of anaemia among young children, adolescent girls and women.

The budgetary allocation made and funds utilized under the National Nutrition Mission (NNM) during last three years and the current year is as below:

Financial Year Budget Estimates
(Rs in crore) Revised Estimates
(Rs in crore) Expenditure
(Rs in crore)
2012-13 250.00 83.00 55.69
2013-14 300.00 200.00 123.00
2014-15 300.00 20.00 20.00
2015-16 205.79 65.00 --

(b) As per the announcement made by the Union Finance Minister in his budget speech, 2014, a new National Nutrition Mission is proposed to be set up with the objectives to reduce and eradicate the menace of malnutrition, wasting, stunting, anemia, low birth weight and other related problems affecting the young children, pregnant and lactating mothers and adolescent girls.
(c) No, Madam.
(d) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme has been universalized and covers all the districts and blocks in the country. There are 14 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) sanctioned across the country with 7076 Projects. The scheme is universal but self selecting without any economic or other criteria. The total number of beneficiaries covered under the scheme is 8.37 crore children (6 months to 6 years). With a view to address various programmatic, management and institutional gaps, the scheme was restructured and strengthened in 2012. The restructured scheme was rolled out in three phases. Apart from revising the financial norms of the existing components, a number of new components were also introduced in the scheme.
(e) The funds provided under the ICDS scheme are sufficient to implement the scheme after revision of the norms by the Ministry of Finance. During 2015-16, a sum of Rs. 8335.77 crore was sanctioned at the BE stage which was further enhanced to Rs. 15483.77 crore by way of two supplementary grants.
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